

## **Reading at Home**

Your child should be reading every night for at least fifteen minutes. From time to time you may wish to discuss what your child is reading. Here are some questions to initiate discussion.

### **Factual Questions**

- Who are the main characters?
- Where did they live?
- Where is the story set?
- What is the story about?
- What did you learn when you read this story?
- What was a problem that occurred in the story?
- What was your favourite part?
- What happened in the beginning, middle and end?
- What were the main things that happened?
- Can you think of another story like this one?
- Can you think of another story by this author?
- Has anything like this happened to you? When? Where? Why? What did you do about it?
- Which part/character did you like the most? Why?
- Could this story be true? Why or why not?
- Can you tell me the story in your own words?

### **Inferential Questions**

- What do you think may happen next in the story?
- What might another appropriate title be for this story? Why?
- Can you think of another ending for the story? Explain it.
- What would/could have happened if .....hadn't/had happened?
- What could have happened if a character had behaved differently?
- Did the characters change during the story? Why or why not?
- Why did the author make a character behave/speak a particular way?
- Some important themes in the story are .....
- What was the author trying to make us think/feel when .....happened?
- What language did the author use to make us feel ... scared/angry/worried etc?
- Who would benefit from reading/not reading this book? Why?
- Was the author trying to give us a message? What is it?
- Why do you think a friend should/should not read this?
- What do you think the authors opinion of ....might be? Is it right or wrong?
- Do you agree with what the author is trying to tell us? Why or why not?